

GRAMMAR

A Choose the correct form of the verbs in parentheses to complete the text. An example (0) has been done for you.

While I ⁰ am sitting (sit) here writing, I find myself thinking about the history of technology. All I can think about ¹ _____ (be) the creation of the computer and then the creation of the internet. The purpose of these things was ² _____ (make) our lives easier. I agree that in some ways they ³ _____ (do) this, but, nowadays, they ⁴ _____ (use) up too much of our time. I ⁵ _____ (study) in college before the invention of the internet, and before we ⁶ _____ (develop) computers well enough to make them usable by regular people. When I look at my daughter studying hard and spending hours on the internet and not being able to find what she ⁷ _____ (look) for, I sometimes wonder if the tech we have now is really all that helpful. I didn't ⁸ _____ (used to) have to spend much time searching for things because our resources ⁹ _____ (limit) by the size of the college library. Maybe we have now lost sight of how tech should ¹⁰ _____ (make) our life easier for a new view that tech just gives us more.

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B For each sentence (1–10), find the error and correct it. If there is no error, put a check mark (✓) next to the sentence. An example (0) has been done for you.

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| <p>0 I like fish and I don't like vegetables. ☐</p> <p><u>I like fish but I don't like vegetables.</u></p> | <p>6 My friends think it's important to study hard ☐</p> <p>for exams.</p> |
| <p>1 If you will buy a new computer I will need to get a ☐</p> <p>new one as well.</p> | <p>7 I always enjoyed going to a school when I was ☐</p> <p>living in London.</p> |
| <p>2 My brother is the one which parked the car last night. ☐</p> | <p>8 The band sometime arrives late for concerts. ☐</p> |
| <p>3 I am going to the bank to get some money out. ☐</p> | <p>9 We often argue with who gets to drive the car. ☐</p> |
| <p>4 The house that you like isn't as bigger as the one ☐</p> <p>you have now.</p> | <p>10 I bought a new jacket last week, do you like it? ☐</p> |
| <p>5 We didn't used to play sports when we were young. ☐</p> | |

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C Underline the correct word(s) in *italics* in each sentence. An example (0) has been done for you.

- 0 They *should* / *will* get tired very quickly if they don't take a rest.
- 1 I really *need to do* / *can do* more exercise because I am getting out of shape.
- 2 That is the *bigger* / *biggest* mistake I have ever made.
- 3 We *even* / *so* spent all our savings while on vacation.
- 4 If you trained hard you *will* / *would* reach your goals.
- 5 He really doesn't enjoy *shops* / *shopping* with his wife.
- 6 Are we *allowed* / *allowing* to use our phones in here?
- 7 Most of our friends said that they *like* / *liked* dinner last night.
- 8 We were *walking* / *walked* down the street when we saw our friends go into the café.
- 9 We *have* / *had* seen the movie before it came out here last month.
- 10 Can you pass me *the* / *a* red pen that is there, please?

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VOCABULARY

A Rewrite the words below in a longer form. An example (0) has been done for you.

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| 0 net | <u>internet</u> | 6 ad | _____ |
| 1 paper | _____ | 7 prep | _____ |
| 2 case | _____ | 8 promo | _____ |
| 3 plane | _____ | 9 sub | _____ |
| 4 app | _____ | 10 lab | _____ |
| 5 number | _____ | | |

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B Match the definitions (1–10) on the left with the words (a–l) on the right. There is an extra word you do not need. An example (0) has been done for you.

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| 0 a forest in a tropical region of the world where it rains a lot | <u>a</u> | a rainforest |
| 1 expresses ideas or feelings rather than showing the exact appearance of people or things | ___ | b audience |
| 2 a piece of equipment for making someone's voice louder | ___ | c canal |
| 3 a shellfish that has a long body, eight legs and two large parts like arms called claws | ___ | d microphone |
| 4 an aircraft that does not have a pilot but is controlled from the ground | ___ | e drone |
| 5 a small flying insect that bites the skin of people and animals in order to feed on their blood | ___ | f anxious |
| 6 one of the large areas of salt water that cover most of the Earth | ___ | g lobster |
| 7 a manmade river usually used for transporting goods | ___ | h abstract |
| 8 a group of people who have come to a place to see or hear a movie, performance, speech, etc | ___ | i ocean |
| 9 a solid object that someone makes as a work of art by shaping a substance such as stone, metal or wood | ___ | j portrait |
| 10 worried because you think something bad might happen | ___ | k sculpture |
| | | l mosquito |

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C Complete the blog entry below using the words in the box. An example (0) has been done for you.

ants better cliffs do much damage landscapes make a complaint ~~mistake~~ myself strangers tablet website

Recently, I went to work in a new office and as soon as I arrived I made the ⁰ mistake of getting the receptionist's name wrong. She was not happy about it but because we were ¹ _____ and hadn't actually met before it wasn't too embarrassing. The office was beautiful and decorated really well and it was definitely ² _____ than my last office. Most of the pictures were ³ _____ of the country around the town we were in. One of them really caught my attention because it was of the ⁴ _____ and what really made me like it was the way the ocean crashed against them in an almost abstract way.

At lunch, some colleagues took me out to a restaurant near the office. The food was nice but when I saw that there were thousands of ⁵ _____ on the table I wasn't very happy. My colleague suggested that since I had spotted the insects I should ⁶ _____ to the waiter or the manager. I decided that it would be better if I waited and sent in a comment through their ⁷ _____. I did this when I got back to the office using the ⁸ _____ I had brought with me, although I found it harder than normal because I find typing on a touch screen can sometimes take a long time. I tried to make the comments a mixture of positive and negative because I really did enjoy the food and the service was excellent, so I really didn't want to ⁹ _____ to their reputation over such a small thing.

In the end, I sent the complaint and they responded by offering me a free meal for ¹⁰ _____ and three guests, so we all went back there the following day and it was perfect.

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READING

A Read the text below and decide whether the statements (1–5) are true (T) or false (F) according to what the writer believes. An example (0) has been done for you.

News Media Blog

Traditional news outlets, like newspapers, radio shows and the news shown on the television, still exist, but the internet has revolutionized the speed at which 'news' is delivered. Although the benefits of this are huge it is not necessarily all good because it means that news stories can become publicly viewable without being fully checked for general accuracy.

Looking back to early part of the 20th century, people relied on newspapers to deliver their daily news. Much of this information may have even been a few days old because it would have taken reporters some time to access the stories. However, this was the general pace of life and did not present much of an issue. There were also far fewer news reporters at this time and articles were perhaps less insightful, acting more as vessels for fact sharing rather than a way of expressing opinions.

Now fast forward to today. Everyone is a reporter and it seems everyone has a fact they would like to share with the world. We are constantly being updated through news feeds from many sources and we decide what we want to know and how we want to be informed about it.

Two issues have arisen as a result. The first is the idea that we all have the chance to consume only the news we want to. The news that we understand and the news that already agrees with what we think or feel about a subject. This is often referred to as the echo chamber and has the effect of limiting what we know, and any new news is just a repetition of agreement of what we already think. A second concern is that of 'fake news'. A term used to mean news that has no grounding in fact but instead represents news as entertainment. I feel that this is something we need to be concerned about because it could have many negative consequences.

So, we can ask ourselves: is real news dead? My answer is no. I am aware that there are some issues, but if we as consumers decide to consume trusted sources of what is actually happening there is very little need to worry.

The writer believes

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| 0 | the internet has changed the news we receive. | <u>T</u> |
| 1 | early newspapers reported things as they happened. | ___ |
| 2 | nowadays the news changes constantly. | ___ |
| 3 | we only find out about things that interest us. | ___ |
| 4 | that fake news is entertaining but dangerous. | ___ |
| 5 | that real news will disappear. | ___ |

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- B** Read the text about architecture and match the words in bold (1–5) to their synonyms (a–g). There is an extra word you do not need. An example (0) has been done for you.

Architecture

Designing things with (0) **biomimetic** principles, taking inspiration from nature, is not a new concept; the history of the subject goes back centuries but only recently has the concept been pushed to the front of people's minds with the hopes of developing more efficient and sustainable things for future use. Undoubtedly, there are (1) **myriad** examples of this but of the many to choose from here are three common examples.

We are, in general, surrounded by things that are truly very smart and we see them as everyday objects and we never really realize where these great ideas come from. Take, for example, something as simple as Velcro which was reportedly invented by copying the bur fruit. Although many people believe Velcro was shared by (2) **extra-terrestrials**, it is very clear that a more likely source of the invention or inspiration was from the hooks on the bur fruit or seed that is commonly found around the world in nature.

Nature is also being copied in modern architecture and engineering. One ingenious example of this is that of the Eastgate mall in Harare, Zimbabwe. Here the designer was inspired by a (3) **termite** mound. These mounds are huge insect homes that can get very hot but are made by the termites to be self-cooling so they don't overheat. In using this design feature it is estimated that the energy consumption needed to cool the mall is approximately 10% of that of a normal building of its size.

Another fascinating example of this type of design can be seen in the development of wind turbines that are used to turn wind into electrical energy. Designers have been studying owls' wings, especially the section at the back that allows the owl to hunt in silence. This 'design' is now being used as a (4) **blueprint** in an effort to produce more energy while at the same time reducing noise.

It is incredible to think that the development of so much modern technology that is being produced is an (5) **amalgam** of nature and humankind's desire to create practical everyday objects that are useful and efficient.

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| 0 biomimetic | <u>a</u> | a copying nature |
| 1 myriad | ___ | b mixture |
| 2 extra-terrestrials | ___ | c people |
| 3 termite | ___ | d aliens |
| 4 blueprint | ___ | e plans |
| 5 amalgam | ___ | f thousands |
| | | g bugs |

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LISTENING



A Listen to a talk about Wassily Kandinsky. For questions (1–5), number the events (a–f) in the order that they happened. An example (0) has been done for you.

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| 0 | <u>a</u> | a He was born in Moscow. |
| 1 | ___ | b He moved to Munich. |
| 2 | ___ | c He wrote about his art theory. |
| 3 | ___ | d He decided to become an artist. |
| 4 | ___ | e He studied law in college. |
| 5 | ___ | f He made a new art group. |

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B Listen to the radio show about money. For questions (1–5), decide who expresses each opinion, Jess or Brad. An example (0) has been done for you.

Who thinks

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| 0 | we don't understand how attitudes have changed yet? | <u>Jess</u> |
| 1 | understanding the history of money is important? | _____ |
| 2 | money gives power to people that have it? | _____ |
| 3 | having money makes us more generous? | _____ |
| 4 | money makes us feel safe? | _____ |
| 5 | being rich gives us freedom to do what we want? | _____ |

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WRITING

A Write a short reply to the blog post below. Write your reply in 50–75 words.

Nowadays, all you see is advertising pushing you to buy, buy and buy. Why do companies feel they need to push what they are selling on us at every chance they get? I can't remember the last time I walked down a street without seeing posters telling me my life would be better if only ...

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B Write an email of complaint about some service you recently received at a hotel and suggest improvements that could be made. Write your email in 100–150 words.

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